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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 638

PROCEDURES TO EXPEDITE RESOLUTION  
OF RAIL RATE CHALLENGES TO BE CONSIDERED  
UNDER THE STAND-ALONE COST METHODOLOGY

Decided: February 25, 2003

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 27, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at its offices in Washington, DC, to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views on the subject of expediting resolution of rail rate challenges to be considered under the Board's Stand-Alone Cost (SAC) methodology. The hearing will take place in the Board's Hearing Room--Suite 760, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. By notice served on February 6, 2003, the Board requested that persons seeking to participate in this hearing file a notice of intent to participate, by February 19, 2003, and indicate the time requested to speak. The schedule of appearances and the time provided for speakers are set out in the Appendix to this decision.

It is ordered:

1. Time for oral presentations is allotted in the Appendix to this decision.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

**APPENDIX  
SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES**

<b><u>Party</u></b>	<b><u>Time Allotted</u></b>
<b><u>Panel I: Government</u></b>	
U.S. Department of Transportation Paul Samuel Smith	3 minutes
<b><u>Panel II: Shippers</u></b>	
Western Coal Traffic League Mark W. Schwirtz/Kelvin J. Dowd	25 minutes
Edison Electric Institute Michael F. McBride/Charles Linderman	25 minutes
National Industrial Transportation League Nicholas J. DiMichael	20 minutes
<b><u>Panel III: Railroads</u></b>	
Association of American Railroads Samuel M. Sipe, Jr.	30 minutes
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Richard E. Weicher	20 minutes
CSX Transportation, Inc. Peter J. Shudtz	10 minutes
Norfolk Southern Corporation James A. Squires	10 minutes
Union Pacific Railroad Company J. Michael Hemmer	10 minutes